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Drought Help Desk Offers 800 Number

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Unusually dry conditions are prompting the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts (NMACD) to establish a *Farmers & Ranchers Drought Help Desk* to be available until after cattle are shipped next fall. The Help Desk can be reached at (505)761-4425 or 1(800)410-2067.

“The drought conditions are just incredible out there,” said Cyle Sharp, NMACD president. “As a conservation organization we want to do everything we can to help farmers and ranchers get through this year - taking care of the land while they are working to make their operations survive. We want to be there for them, to help them get the information that can make a difference when they are facing tough choices.”

The *Farmers & Ranchers Drought Help Desk* is being established by the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts in cooperation with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. It is anticipated that the *Help Desk* will network with agricultural entities throughout New Mexico. If an answer to a farmers or ranchers request for information about available resources is not immediately available, multiple outreach efforts will be pursued with the help many in New Mexico’s agricultural community.

“If a farmer or ranchers is facing a particular problem, needs information about choices or possible resource available, and isn’t sure about which way to turn, we want him or her to call - so we can help fill in the blanks,” Sharp said.

The *Farmers & Ranchers Help Desk* will be proactive, according to Sharp, in addition to responding to specific requests for aid. The *Help Desk* will be issuing weekly advisories on drought related issues that target New Mexico’s farmers and ranchers.

For further information about the *Farmers & Ranchers Drought Help Desk* or to request assistance call 1-800-410-2067.

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